

THE
King's Letter
TO THE
Great Council
OF
PEERS.

Right Trusty, and Right Well-beloved Cousins; and
Right Trusty, and Well-beloved Cousins; and
Trusty, and Right Well-beloved: We greet you
well. We cannot have better Reason to Promise Our
Self an end of our *Common Sufferings and Calamities*, and
that Our One Just Power and Authority will (with God's
Blessing) be *Restored* to Us, than that we hear You are again acknowledged
to have that Authority and Jurisdiction, which hath always belonged to You,
by your Birth, and the *Fundamental Laws* of the Land; and We have thought
it very fit and safe for Us to call to You for *Your Help*, in the Composing the
Confounding Distempers and Distractions of the Kingdom; on which Your Suf-
ferings are next to those We have undergone Our Self. Therefore, You
cannot but be the most proper Counsellors, for removing *these Mischiefs*, and
for *preventing the like*, for the future. How great a Trust We repose in
You, for the Procuring and Establishing a *Blessed Peace and Security* for the
Kingdom, will appear to You by Our Inclosed Declaration; which Trust, We
are most confident, You will Discharge with that Justice and Wisdom, that
becomes You, and must always be expected from You; and that upon Your
Experience, how one Violation succeeds another. When the known Rela-
tions and Rules of Justice are Transgressed, You will be as Jealous for the
Rights of the Crown, and for the *Honour of the King*, as Our Self: and then
you cannot but discharge your Trust with *Good Success*, and provide for, and
Establish the *Peace, Happiness, and Honour of King, Lords, and Commons*,
upon that Foundation which can only support it, and We shall be all Happy
in each other: And as the whole Kingdom will bless God for You, We also
shall hold Our Self Obligated, in an especial manner, to Thank You in particu-
lar, according to the Affection You shall express towards Us. We need not
less enlarge to You on *this Subject*, because We have likewise Writ to the
House of Commons; which, we suppose, they will Communicate to You.
And We Pray GOD bless your Joynt-Endeavours, for the Good of us All.
And so We bid You very Heartily, Farewel.

V. Raker.